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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2007—08 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1656

Introduced by Assembly Members Feuer and DeSaulnier
(Coauthor: Assembly Member Brownley)

February 23, 2007

An act to add the heading of Article 1 (commencing with Section 60900) to, and to add Article 2 (commencing with Section 60905) to, Chapter 10 of Part 33 of Division 4 of Title 2 of the Education Code, relating to pupil achievement.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1656, as amended, Feuer. Pupil achievement: California Longitudinal Pupil Achievement Data System.

Existing law requires the State Department of Education to contract for the development of proposals that will provide for the retention and analysis of longitudinal pupil achievement data on the STAR Program, English language development tests, and the high school exit examination, known as the California Longitudinal Pupil Achievement Data System.

This bill would require the department to allocate specified funding, subject to funds being appropriated in the annual Budget Act, as part of a local data management support program, to local educational agencies and direct-funded charter schools that complete specified acts. Local educational agencies and direct-funded charter schools would be limited in the use of these funds for specified activities *relating to retention of pupil test records*.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. The heading of Article 1 (commencing with
2 Section 60900) is added to Chapter 10 of Part 33 of Division 4 of
3 Title 2 of the Education Code, to read:

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5 Article 1. System Development
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7 SEC. 2. Article 2 (commencing with Section 60905) is added
8 to Chapter 10 of Part 33 of Division 4 of Title 2 of the Education
9 Code, to read:

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11 Article 2. Local Data Management Support Program
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13 60905. The Legislature finds and declares all of the following:

14 (a) The multibillion dollar kindergarten and grades 1 to 12,
15 inclusive, educational enterprise of California is held accountable
16 based on data received from local educational agencies.

17 (b) National and state educational reform efforts revolve around
18 using data at both the state and local levels to better inform
19 decisionmaking.

20 (c) The feasibility study report developed pursuant to subdivision
21 (a) of Section 60900 found that poor quality data submitted by
22 local educational agencies is a high impact risk to the California
23 Longitudinal Pupil Achievement Data System.

24 (d) The state desires more accurate graduation and dropout rates.
25 The California Longitudinal Pupil Achievement Data System can
26 provide this information if local educational agencies and
27 direct-funded charter schools provide quality data to the system
28 through statewide pupil identifiers.

29 60906. It is the intent of the Legislature to support local
30 educational agency data management activities to enhance the
31 quality of the data that is used locally and submitted to meet state
32 and federal reporting and accountability requirements.

33 60907. (a) In order to support the requirements specified in
34 subdivision (e) of Section 60900, local educational agencies and
35 direct-funded charter schools may receive a local data management

1 support program annual grant, subject to funds being appropriated
2 for this purpose in the annual Budget Act, as follows:

3 (1) Local educational agencies and direct-funded charter schools
4 with enrollment of between 1 and 1,000 shall receive five thousand
5 dollars (\$5,000) annually.

6 (2) Local educational agencies and direct-funded charter schools
7 with enrollment of 1,001 or greater shall receive at least five dollars
8 (\$5) per pupil enrolled within the agency, based on the annual
9 enrollment update for the prior year, as certified by the department.

10 (3) For purposes of this section, the following definitions apply:

11 (A) "Direct-funded charter school" means a charter school that
12 elects to receive its funding directly pursuant to Section 47651.

13 (B) "Enrollment" means enrollment certified in the prior year
14 for the California Basic Education Data System, *or any successor*
15 *data system designated by the Superintendent.*

16 (4) If funds appropriated in the annual Budget Act are
17 insufficient to provide full funding to implement this section, the
18 department shall prorate the rates specified in paragraphs (1) and
19 (2).

20 (b) The department shall allocate this funding annually to local
21 educational agencies and direct-funded charter schools that do all
22 of the following:

23 (1) Resolve anomalies related to the statewide pupil identifier
24 required by paragraph (5) of subdivision (e) of Section 60900
25 assigned to enrolled pupils in order to maintain a validity rate
26 specified by the Superintendent.

27 (2) Include the statewide pupil identifier on the transcript of
28 each pupil.

29 (3) Maintain one generic electronic mail address for local data
30 management or information technology directors or personnel in
31 order to facilitate communication between the department and the
32 appropriate personnel of the local educational agency.

33 60908. Local educational agencies and direct-funded charter
34 schools shall use funds received pursuant to this article to support
35 staff, hardware and software acquisitions, training, and other
36 activities related to meeting the requirements specified in
37 subdivision (e) of Section 60900.

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